PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

KOMATSU, SHIGEO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/582,868

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For: NONAQUEOUS SECONDARY ELECTROLYTIC BATTERY

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) & SUBMISSION OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The executed Declaration for the above application was submitted herewith, on January 25, 2001. In view of the fact that inventors Mikito Nagata, Hiroshi Nakahara, and Hiroyuki Yumoto have refused to sign the Declaration, the Declaration was signed by Shigeo Komatsu, Hiroshi Mukai, Tetsuya Murai, Shinya Kitano, Mikio Okada, and Minoru Mizutani on behalf of themselves and Mikito Nagata, Hiroshi Nakahara and Hiroyuki Yumoto.

A Declaration of Mr. Terrance J. Wikberg and a Declaration of Mr. Akinori Okura under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) are submitted herewith setting forth the circumstances surrounding the refusal by Mikito Nagata, Hiroshi Nakahara and Hiroyuki Yumoto to sign the Declaration. The Declaration of Terrance J. Wikberg includes the last known addresses and phone numbers for Mikito Nagata, Hiroshi Nakahara and Hiroyuki Yumoto.

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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$130.00 in support of this Petition as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i). The United States Patent and Trademark Office authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

In view of the facts set forth in the Declarations of Terrance J. Wikberg and Akinori Okura, it is respectfully requested that the present Petition be granted and that the Declaration signed by Shigeo Komatsu, Hiroshi Mukai, Tetsuya Murai, Shinya Kitano, Mikio Okada, and Minoru Mizutani on behalf of themselves and Mikito Nagata, Hiroshi Nakahara and Hiroyuki Yumoto be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

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